

Weare Heritage Commission
MINUTES
March 23, 2010

In attendance: Chairperson George Malette, Secretary Meg Malette, and Heleen Kurk.

A motion was made by Heleen and seconded by George to approve the January minutes. All were in favor.

George said that officers for the WHC will be discussed at the next meeting in April 2010.

Proposed Slate of Officers:

Chair – George Malette

Sec'y – Meg Malette

Barn surveys was mentioned by George. This information will be passed along to the Agricultural Commission. The survey is asking people who own barns to fill out a form and submit it to NHDHR.

The Preservation Alliance offers assessments (determine historic nature and what to do to extend life of barn) for barns with matching funds

Preservation easement for preserving historic, agricultural structures was discussed. The more criteria that the agricultural structure meets, the greater the tax assessment. Heleen suggested that George deliver the RSA of this preservation easement to Naomi Bolton for the selectmen to review when citizens come forward for an agricultural building easement. George suggested that either Tanya or George be available at the selectmen's meeting when an application for an agricultural structure easement is submitted.

Building assessment grants – Heleen is waiting for some information from Beverly Thomas of the Preservation Alliance for information on Clinton Grove.

Heleen said that it will probably be easier to do an assessment on Clinton Grove because it's a building that is not being used, unlike the Town Hall. There's a leak in the bell tower of Clinton Grove, so time is of the essence. A letter from the Heritage Commission will be emailed to Sherry Burdick in support of a Moose Plate Grant to include in the application.

Secretary of Interior Standards – Heleen went to a meeting to learn about these standards. Said that the meeting was very beneficial.

Certified Local Government – Meg said that she will look into this application, hopefully, with the help of Tanya.

Town Wide Survey – When Weare becomes a CLG, then it will be in a much better position in receiving grants for the historical buildings.

Goals for 2010:

Certified Local Government for Weare

Bylaws and rules of procedures for commission

2 Educational Programs – Outside and commission speakers

Combined meeting with Agricultural Commission, Heritage Commission, and Economic Development to work together.

Boy Scouts are going to do a hike to clean up Ferrin Pond and Poor Farm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Malette

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Secretary